

OPINION 680

SCOLOPOSTETHUS FIEBER, [1860] (INSECTA, HEMIPTERA):
VALIDATED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

RULING.—(1) Under the plenary powers the following names are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy:

- (a) the generic name *Tritomacera* Costa, 1841;
- (b) the generic name *Tritomocera* Agassiz, 1846;
- (c) the specific name *aphanoides* Costa, 1841, as published in the binomen *Tritomacera aphanoides*.

(2) The generic name *Scolopostethus* Fieber, [1860] (gender : masculine), type-species, by designation by Distant, 1904, *Scolopostethus cognatus* Fieber, [1860], is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1562.

(3) The specific name *cognatus* Fieber, [1860], as published in the binomen *Scolopostethus cognatus* (type-species of *Scolopostethus* Fieber, [1860]) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 1938.

(4) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

- (a) *Tritomacera* Costa, 1841 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) (Name No. 1660);
- (b) *Tritomocera* Agassiz, 1846 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) (Name No. 1661).

(5) The specific name *aphanoides* Costa, 1841, as published in the binomen *Tritomacera aphanoides* (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology with the Name No. 763.

HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1475)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Dr. James A. Slater and Dr. W. E. China in March 1961. The application was sent to the printer on 6 April 1961 and was published on 10 November 1961 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 351–352. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51–56) and to seven entomological serials. The proposals were supported by Professor T. Jaczewski and Dr. E. Wagner.

DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 6 November 1962 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (62)43 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **18** : 351–352. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 6 February 1963 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-five (25), received in the following order: China, Holthuis, Hering, Vokes, Brinck, Stoll, Mayr, Riley, Bradley, Jaczewski, Lemche, do Amaral, Uchida, Key, Obruchev, Boschma, Munroe, Alvarado, Tortonese, Kühnelt, Bonnet, Binder, Mertens, Miller, Evans.

Negative votes—none (0).

On Leave of Absence—two (2): Poll, Prantl.

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Hemming.

Commissioner Borchsenius returned a late affirmative vote.

In returning his Voting Paper Commissioner Holthuis pointed out, as follows, a mistake in the proposals to be voted on: "There is no need for the suppression under the plenary powers of *Tritomocera* Agassiz, 1848, as this name is an invalid junior homonym of *Tritomocera* Agassiz, 1846, the latter name being suppressed for the Law of Priority only."

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

aphanoides, *Tritomocera*, Costa, 1841, *Ann. Soc. ent. France* (1) 10 : 296–297

cognatus, *Scolopostethus*, Fieber, [1860], *Europ. Hemipt.*: 49, 188

Scolopostethus Fieber, [1860], *Europ. Hemipt.*: 49, 188

Tritomacera Costa, 1841, *Ann. Soc. ent. France* (1) 10 : 296–297

Tritomocera Agassiz, 1846, *Nomencl. zool. Index Univ.*: 376

The following is the original reference for the designation of a type-species for a genus concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Scolopostethus* Fieber, [1860] : Distant, 1904, *Fauna Brit. India*, Rhynch.

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CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (62)43 were cast as set out above, that the proposal set out in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 680.

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International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature

London

7 March 1963